Finding aid of the Art Center Wives Club

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Art Center Wives Club
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Abstract: Founded in 1956, the Art Center Wives Club was sponsored by Art Center to serve as a social and support group for the wives of the college’s male students. This collection consists of newsletters, minutes, correspondence, photographs, and other materials which document the planning activities, events and meetings of the Art Center Wives Club.
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History
Founded in 1956, the Art Center Wives Club was sponsored by Art Center to serve as a social and support group for the wives of the college’s male students. With monthly meetings, the group had guest speakers, played bridge, and shared news of jobs and available apartments. After it had become well established, the Art Center Wives Club sponsored dances, picnics, talent shows, and volunteered time to a variety of community organizations. The group tried to make new students’ wives welcome and often had a part in student orientation. In the mid 1960s the club organized and printed a cookbook, as well as put on a skit parodying the trials of new students and their wives. The group printed another cookbook in 1974. For most of the organization’s approximate twenty-year history, it printed a monthly newsletter, The Breadwinners Review. The group’s liaison with the school was Mildred Heredeen. It is not clear when the club ceased to exist.
Scope and Content of Collection
Newsletters, minutes, correspondence, photographs, and other materials document the planning activities, events and meetings of the Art Center Wives Club. More than one half of the records is the club newsletters (1956-1971, 1977), which provide rich information regarding the club and its members. Often the newsletter included annual schedules, membership lists, and synopsis of meeting minutes. The second largest group of material is minutes (1963-1967, 1971, 1977), but it is not as complete a series as the newsletters, and mostly mirrors what can be found in the newsletters. Correspondence includes letters to the general membership, thank you notes, and invitations to Art Center Wives Club events such as the
new student reception and an Annual Student Faculty party. Guidelines and suggestions for how to run meetings, program schedules, and questionnaires sent to the members, all provide additional insight into the club's activities and concerns. A play script (ca. 1966) written by a club member and performed for new students, is a humorous look at the wives' view of their husbands' experiences at Art Center. Two photographs also document the women working on the play. All photographs have been removed to the photograph collection.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Art Center School (Los Angeles, Calif.)
Art Center College of Design (Pasadena, Calif.)
Art Center School (Los Angeles, Calif.)--Societies and clubs
Art Center College of Design (Pasadena, Calif.)--Societies and clubs
Cookery
Women--Societies and clubs

Separated Material
29 photographs removed to photograph archives.

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**Newsletters 1956-1962**

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**Newsletters 1963-1965**

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**Newsletters 1966-1969**

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**Minutes: Officers Meetings 1967-1963**

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**Minutes: General Meetings 1963-1967 1971 1977**

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**Minutes: Cookbook Committee 1964**

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**Correspondence 1956-1977**

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**Annual Program Schedules circa 1956, undated**

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**Guidelines and Suggestions 1969, undated**

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**Officer, Membership, and Mailing Lists 1965-1977**
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**Questionnaires 1958-1974, undated**

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**Play Script circa 1966**

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**Cookbook 1974**

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**Assorted 1956-1966, undated**

**Photographs 1963 1966**

Physical Description: 26 images.

- Garden Buffet dinner, Home of Miss Franklin (7 images) 1963
- Art Center Wives Club Fashion Show, Sponsored by Nancy's Casuals North Hollywood (8 images) 1963
- Unidentified meeting (3 images) circa 1963
- Setting up play in Art Center Auditorium (2 images) circa 1966
- Unidentified meeting in an Art Center classroom (2 images) circa 1966
- Unidentified meeting in a home (4 images) circa 1966